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**Eastern Carolina Oil Wells**

Some sections of Eastern Carolina are becoming anxious to get oil wells going. They are talking of boring wells in Perquimans and Lenoir Counties. The stock of these new projects are not listed on the regular exchanges yet. It might be easier for these people to buy stock in the Havelock well over in Craven County. There is a large amount of stock in the bottom of that deep hole over there which can no doubt be bought cheap now.

**"In Jesus' Name—"**

"In Jesus' Name—" were the last words of Colonel E. C. Hillyer, while praying in a Raleigh church Sunday morning, when his heart ceased to beat and his soul went to the spirit land.

Doubtless most of us would like to have the summons come under the same circumstances. Yet how little is the world doing along that line. We have yielded our hours of prayer to pleasure programs, until it is a strange thing to hear the name of Jesus, unless somebody dies. The name of some famous prize fighter, golf player, baseball hero, or movie actor is heard oftener than the name of the Deity.

We seem to forget that in the history of man, he has prospered who has kept close to the house of the Lord, but the nations that forget God are always doomed to fall.

**Wealth Shows Its Hand**

The poison arrow that we have feared so long has at last been shot by the tax-dodging wealth—for the sole purpose of crippling and wounding the schools.

Rigid economy is the desire of all people, and our Legislature should see to it that extravagance in schools, like extravagance in everything else, should be curbed.

Teachers are generally reasonable folks and would doubtless accept small cuts here and there, but when it comes to a cut of twenty-five per cent, they could not exist and meet the necessary requirements to do proper work.

Th money power in our State evidently never intends that the people who they make their millions out of shall be educated out of their big dividends.

One thing is needful and must not be neglected by this Legislature, and that is ample provision to educate the masses. If we fail we will never be able to put up a fight for equal rights.

Education and intelligence are the things that are holding the fight up for the people at the present time.

The friends of the people should never give up the fight. And the schools must run.

**The Capital City Needs Cleaning Up**

There was little hope that the charges of attempted bribery brought against certain people in and around Raleigh could be proven.

But there is almost a universal belief that less than the half has been told. It is significant to see a bunch of old broken-down, discarded politicians hanging around Raleigh, when everybody knows they are there to sell their evil influence to the moneyed gang for the purpose of trying to becloud the minds of honest but perhaps ignorant or unsuspecting legislators.

Everybody knows they separate the legislators and grade them into various classes—those whom they can not buy, those whom they can buy, those they need and those they do not need—and then they go after them accordingly.

Of course, they find a few who want jobs, some want office, some want money or other favors.

The sooner the class of politicians who hover around the Capitol whenever the legislature is in session is bootet out of Raleigh, the better it will be for the people.

**Grounds for Suspicion**

The Senate investigation has evidently caused some uneasiness in the State. It would be amusing to see the maneuvering to try to "wet blanket" the fires that are liable to break out here and there. What the guilty want is to smother the testimony.

One noticeable thing which makes the suspicion much greater is the old gang wallowing around who were once the identical fellows who passed the foreign stock exemption law. When people see such men as W. L. Long, John B. Dawson, and others who once had high aspirations for the governorship and senatorship, but failed, standing around a legislature, it is to some extent grounds for suspicion.

Such men are generally hired by somebody who wants more than their share of the blessings of government and less of the responsibilities of the government.

If we could only have one legislative session free from unfair influences; that is, money, women (bad), and liquor, things would soon get better.

**A "Want Ad"**

North Carolina has for exchange many dilapidated, liquor-drink, boot-licking politicians, who have lost their usefulness and are now a menace to free government. Will take in exchange anything that is harmless. Quick trade is desired.

**Crime—Not Law—Makes Criminals**

Mrs. Cozart deprecates the fact that the prohibition law makes criminals.

The lady should remember that it is not the law that makes the criminal, it is the violator. There has never been a law passed that did not make the violator a criminal. Laws are passed to protect, and not to make criminals. Yet if the individual refuses to obey any law, he places himself in the criminal, or law-breaking, class.

**From the WORLD'S BACK WINDOW**

By CHARLES H. McSWAIN

Alas, my plans have all been 'busted' up again. Now I'll have to call off my extended trip to Europe and other climes, since James Thomas Sharkey, the Boston milkman, scooped in the \$25,000 prize in the Camel cigarette contest, which I was figuring on getting.

But I suppose it's a good thing I didn't get the twenty-five thousand snackers, as I really didn't have time to take the trip anyhow.

Well, David Belasco, great play producer and dean of the American stage is dead. All of which brings to mind how narrowly I escaped being a playwright myself.

During my early days of scribbling, I wrote a play, entitled, "The Best Old Maid Who Ever Married." The play dealt with a spinster who had lingered and married, spending her life as a home missionary in the mountains under the delusion that her youthful lover would one day come back and claim her delicate hand in matrimony.

After expending much hard work on the play, I finally finished what I considered a masterpiece. Accordingly, I showed it to a friend who owned a stock company, operating up and down the land in a canvas theatre during the summer months. After reading the script, my friend said that the masterpiece contained a number of fairly good situations, but explained that it would have to be doctored before he could use it. Said he: "Now that title, 'The Best Old Maid Who Ever Married,' is a bum title indeed. It must be changed. Lemme see? Oh yes, 'Maids of Passion,' is the ideal title for it."

So I agreed to the change in title. Then we had to change the maid from an old maid to a beautiful mountain damsel, about eighteen years of age. When we had finished with her, she was as fresh and beautiful as the blossoms of the mountain rhododendron. We also changed her from being the daughter of a great statesman to the daughter of a mountain moonshiner. We changed her youthful lover from that of a young physician to that of a Federal prohibition agent, who finally won her hand, following the capture and conviction of her notorious father for the illicit manufacture of mountain dew.

Well, as it turned out, the play proved a big flop. In fact, it was such a flop, resulting in the showman losing so much money that it rent in twain our friendship. Hence, I decided that maybe after all I was not cut out for a playwright. How swiftly time flits by; and how still more swiftly children grow up, get married, build homes and before one can realize it they are prattling infants on their knees and are being called mamma and papa, whichever the case may be.

In perusing the Sunday papers, I noticed where a number of young women from old home town, Albemarle, were married a few days ago. I remember holding one of these girls on my knee in days gone by and telling her the story of "The Three Bears." She was little more than a baby then.

Then there is the boy whom I once interceded for when he sought membership into a gang, composed of "big" boys, and was refused membership because of his tender years. I finally prevailed upon the captain to take him in as mascot. A few months ago I was a guest in his home, and remember what a time he had in getting the baby to sleep so he could accompany me up the street.

Well, marriage is a funny thing anyway. It makes men out of some fellows while others it completely spoils. For instance, there was my old school roommate, Bill. He and I went on several traveling expeditions together. He was one of these heroes, a football player and had a right punch like a mule kick. When we associated together, he was a good story teller and had plenty of habits to make him interesting. He was an artist in scattering his clothes all over the house. He smoked the strongest tobacco in a most evil smelling pipe.

About a year ago, I chanced to be passing through his home town, and accordingly, spent the night with him. His wife was away on a visit. Well, poor old Bill had been completely spoiled. He had been domesticated to a fine degree. He had quit all of his habits, even smoking. He advised me to quit. I had a rotten time. Bill wouldn't talk about anything of interest. He just sat there in the room, darned his socks and telling me the correct way to arrange the furniture and the right way to cook this dish and that one.

Yet, I spared his life. All of which proves, I suppose that I am getting old and full of compassion.

**WANTED TO RENT 4 OR FIVE**  
 room apartment or small house, in Plymouth. Must have hot and cold water and all modern conveniences. Apply A-2, care The Roanoke Beacon, Plymouth, N. C.

**NOTICE**

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W. D. PEAL.

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**NOTICE OF SALE**

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain mortgage deed executed by W. T. Downing to R. W. Johnson, dated the 1st day of May, 1930, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Washington County, in book 93, page 144, to which reference is made, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured, the undersigned mortgagee, upon demand of the holder of the indebtedness, will offer for sale, to the highest bidder for cash, at the courthouse door in Washington County, at 12 o'clock noon on Monday, the 22nd day of June, 1931, that certain real property described in said instrument as follows: Beginning at James Moore westward corner and running a straight line to Conaly Creek; and westwardly with said creek to Mack Holly's corner; thence eastwardly with Mack Holly to Andrew Lewis line, and thence northwardly with his line to Ransom's line; thence with Ransom's line to his north corner; thence an eastward course with Ransom's line to the main road; thence northeastwardly with the road to James Moore's

line, the beginning, containing fifty acres, more or less.

The bidder at such sale will be required to deposit as much as ten per cent of the amount bid as a guaranty of good faith pending confirmation. This the 15th day of May, 1931.

R. W. JOHNSON, Mortgagee.  
 By W. L. Witley, Attorney.

**NOTICE OF EXECUTION SALE**  
 North Carolina, Washington County, In Superior Court.

W. R. Hampton, Trading as W. H. Hampton & Son, vs. W. E. Sitterson.

By virtue of an execution directed to the undersigned from the Superior Court of Washington County in the above-entitled action, I will, on Monday, the fifteenth day of June, 1931, at 12 o'clock noon, at the courthouse door of Washington County, sell to the highest bidder for cash to satisfy said execution, all the rights, title and interest which the said W. E. Sitterson, the defendant, has in the following described real estate, to wit:

All that tract of land where Miles T. Sitterson now resides, being 40 acres, and bounded by the Garrett lane leading from the Plymouth and Roper road to the canal bridge, and being 40 acres of that tract land as described in a deed from T. J. Sitterson and wife to Mrs. Ann E. Long, dated January 5, 1888, and registered in the office of Register of Deeds of Washington County, North Carolina, in Book AA, page 459, to which reference is made, and being the same land devised to Miles T. Sitterson for life with remainder to William Earl Sitterson by the will of Elizabeth P. Freeman, of record in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Washington County in Will Book B, page 219, etc., which said will is hereby referred to for description and identification, and which was selected and laid off by Miles T. Sitterson in conformity to said will, a map made thereof and recorded in the office of Register of Deeds of Washington County in Map Book 2, page 38, which said map is also referred to and made a part hereof for purposes of description and identification.

Dated and posted this the 15th day of May, 1931.

J. K. REID, Sheriff of Washington County.

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**Cultivating Russian Friendship**

What will be our fate? If Germany and Austria are consolidated, and Germany cultivate the farms of Russia and forms an alliance with her, she will then be able to wage a bigger war than ever, and would be able to crush Europe. What the world needs to do is to help Russia rather than kick and curse her. Her friendship and trade are worth far more than her enmity.

Germany has been whipped, but we must remember that she is raising a new generation which may want some world conquest, too.

We will gain more by right living and fair play than we will by sharp trading.

**Ruined by Easy Credit**

Federal land banks and other agencies organized during the period of "high finance" brought easy credit to farmers and land owners, and now there is doubt as to whether or not it was beneficial or detrimental to those who took advantage of the opportunity to borrow money on their real estate. In many instances the money was spent for luxuries and now these same farmers find it difficult to repay. Many of the finest and best farms in Eastern North Carolina already have been advertised and sold by various land banks, and indications now are that the process has only begun. And this does not apply alone to farming lands, but to town and city property, as well. Too many people borrowed money when they really didn't need it, borrowed because it was easy, and now the time for payment has arrived. Credit is indeed a great asset if not abused, but when abused it becomes a liability.—Sampson Independent.

**"Stumbled Over the Peanut"**

Senator Lawrence "stumbled over the peanut" some senator said the other day in reviewing the flimsy excuses members of the "little senate" have given for failure to carry out the wishes of their constituents by voting for measures to relieve land of a small portion of the taxation now imposed upon it. Excuses are not what people want; they have been fed up on too many already. If there is any real reason why Senator Lawrence should not have followed the strict advocates of the MacLean law rather than the Folger-Grier Equalization Plan, his people have not been given the facts that support such reason, or reasoning. Hertsford County Herald.